Ceremony II
for
Lilly

Wonderful
..
The color and radiance of her skin is
..
still the same as when she was alive...

We of Undertaker BLONDIE use our prided Rose Balm as a substitute for blood.
It's hard to believe there's no blood in her veins...
Thank you! With this, I can complete my painting for the exhibit.!
The length of her life is as stated in the contract.
only three weeks until the painting is finished
Please do not forget.

The mark underneath your collarbone is a sign that you're a born soul that has received embalming.
You will be under the church's constant surveillance.
You may only be outside from sunrise until midnight,
after that you must return to the coffin in the church.
If you do not return before Big Ben's midnight bell stops ringing
your body will rot and your soul will fall to purgatory.
And lastly,
it is forbidden for a living human and a born soul to marry to each other

You're wrong.
Then,
in the name of the Queen and the Church...
we hope you lovers have a meaningful and blessed deformed life
...
We aren't lovers...
Lord Allen is from a family with great lineage...
I am merely a painting model...
clatter clatter

Oh, so you've finished Ash.
clink
Let's drink tea together.
I bought the famous sweets from Regent Street.
Wow! Adam Coco's Fairy Cake! It was featured on the magazine.
There's some for the both of you too.
Duke -
A Holy Dragon such as you... buying cake...?

When I realized it, I had become a Holy Dragon.
I did not choose to be one.
When the current queen's rule began, because I wished to have a human form, I've been able to experience the human world.
It truly feels like I'm spreading my wings.
Ahh
Scales from the wings
You guys... To these dragon scales filled with ingredients for Londinium Rose...
What a waste!
I'm taking them!
Ah!
Do what you want.
Let's pulverize them. We'll be able to make a year's worth of facial pack.
May we have them, Duke?

Londinium Rose
The great, shining power bestowed upon us by God the spring of the life that was ended
The radiance of its rose color illuminates the country and warms the earth.
It reveals the truth in writing, and purifies water
Oh God who bestowed Londinium Rose...
upon the white wall country Alvion protected by the four holy dragons
we offer you our thanks and prayers.
Young mistress's voice is as beautiful as usual...
Hymn Number 5...
a place enclosed by snow and wilderness.
Even I do not know but it was probably.
Duke Luke
what was Alvion like before the Londinium Rose?

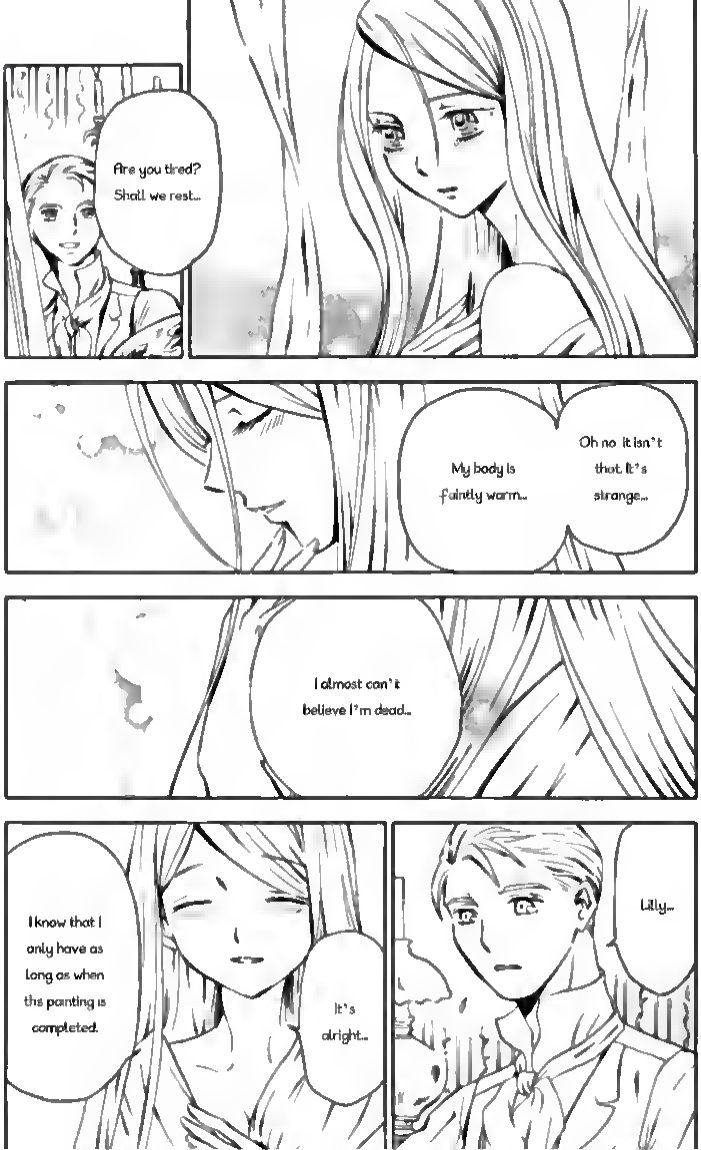
Just like how beyond Londinium, where the Queen resides and the territories owned by the 50 noble families
the earth is still a wasteland.

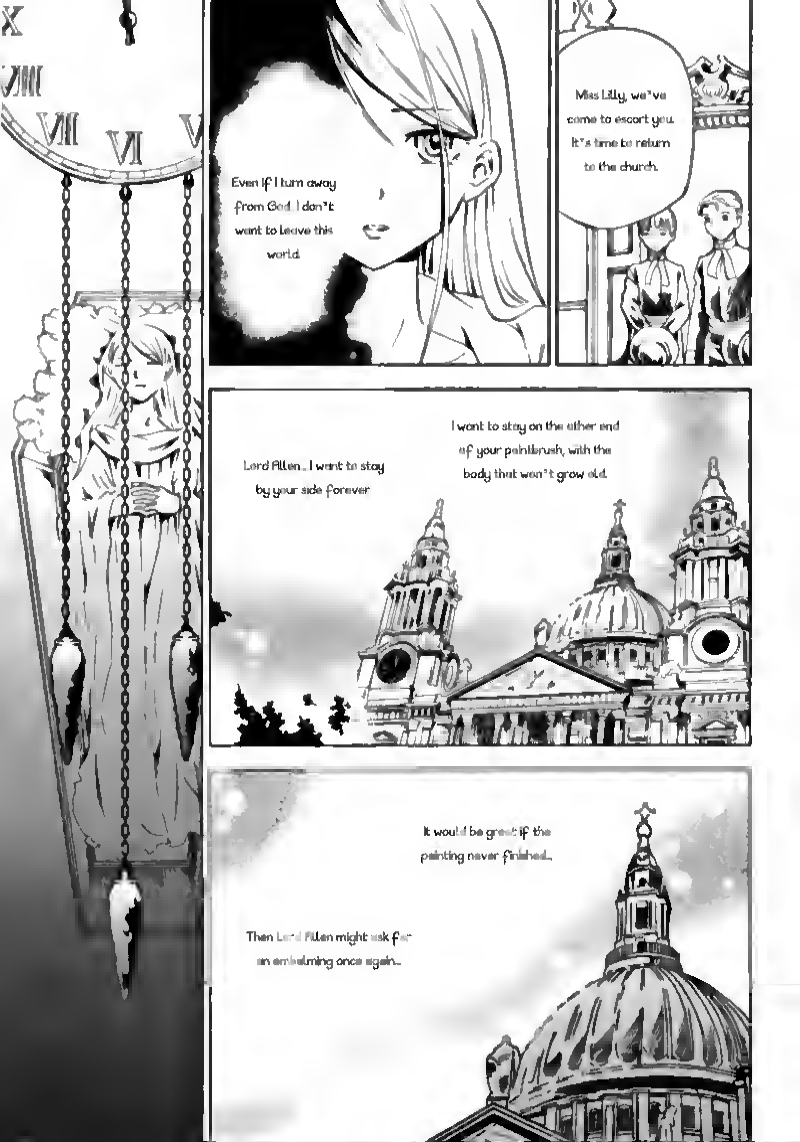
The balm room is like a freezer after all.
You're still cold.

Today's contractor was really beautiful.
Is that so?
Her soul was also beautiful.
She was waiting for me to come for her
Capturing it was easy too.
Oh, that's right... When I was capturing her soul...
I felt as if someone was watching me.
I wonder who that was...

As always, I..
was watching over you while your soul left your body. Ash.
No it wasn't Dust. The gaze was sharper...
Well nevermind.
Hey Dust.. Today's contractor...
She was lying.

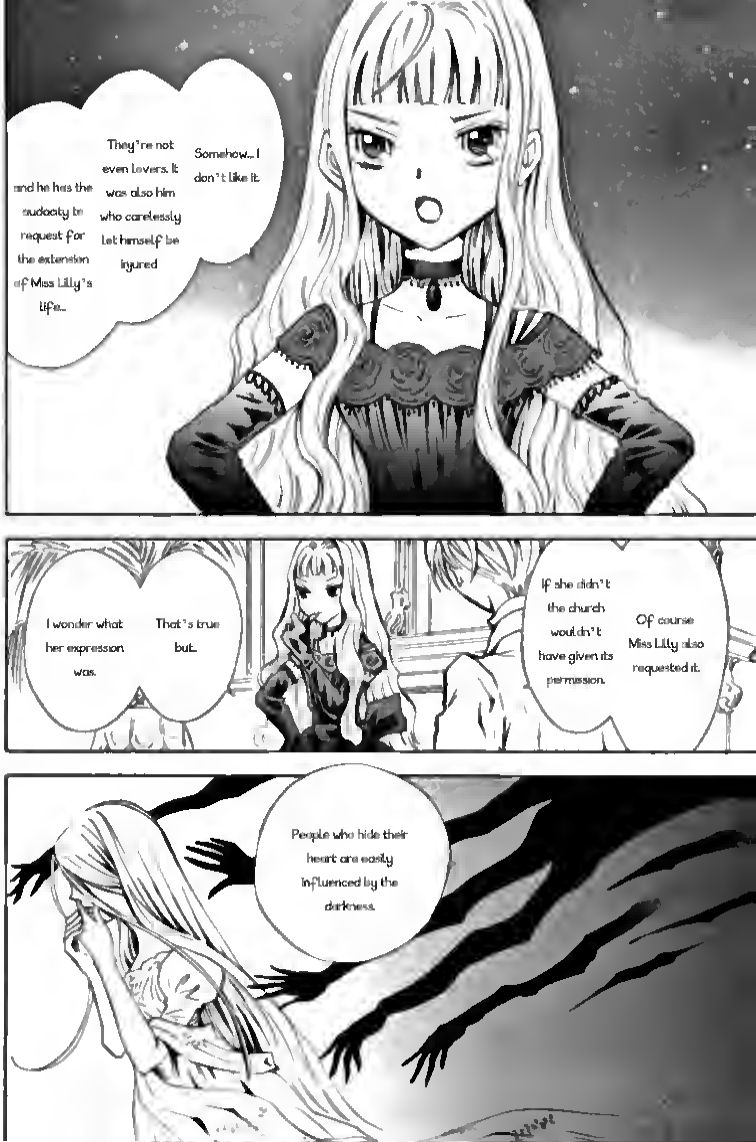
It might be normal for a painter to be obstinate about completing his work
but is it normal for a model?
When I caught her soul the feelings that flowed were...
that she loved him.
If he... doesn't notice, it would truly be cruel.
You're right... Ash...


Are you tired? Shall we rest...
My body is faintly warm...
Oh no it isn't that. It's strange...
I almost can't believe I'm dead...
I know that I only have as long as when this painting is completed.
It's alright...
Lilly...

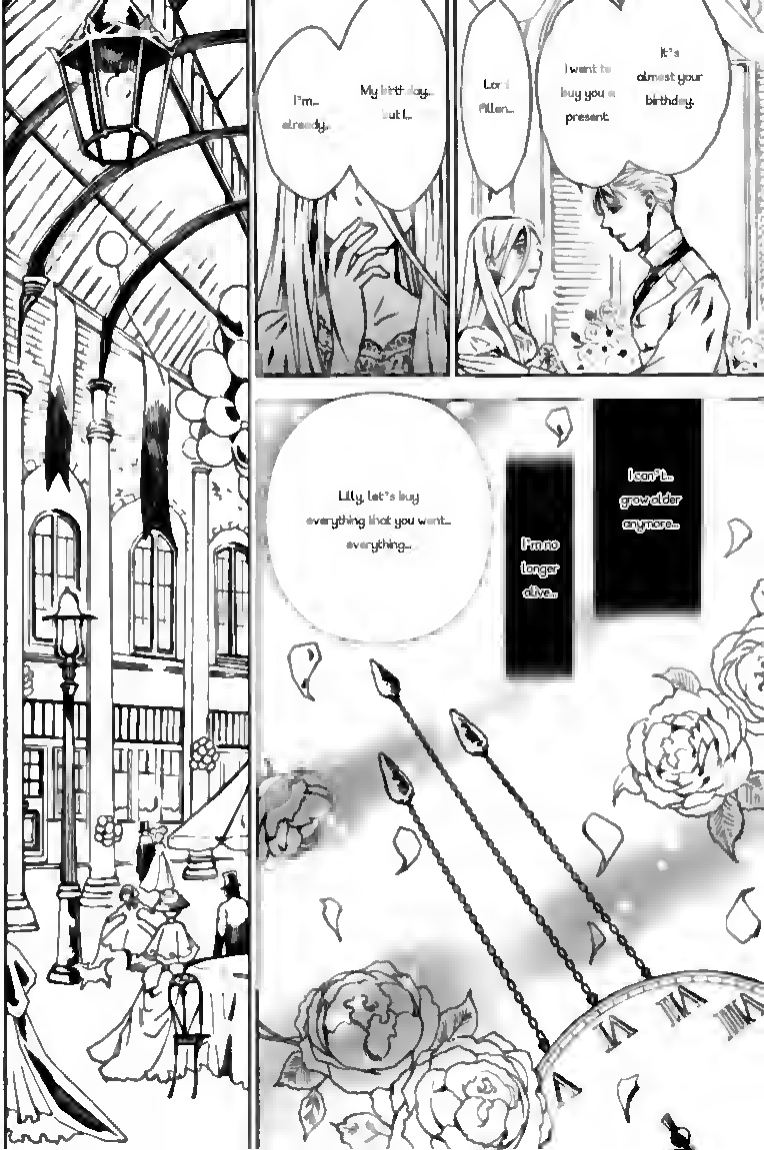

Even if I turn away from God, I don't want to leave this world.
Miss Lilly, we've come to escort you. It's time to return to the church.
Lord Allen... I want to stay by your side forever.
I want to stay on the other end of your paintbrush, with the body that won't grow old.
It would be great if the painting never finished...
Then Lord Allen might ask for an embalming once again...

Ash..
we have a request for an extension..
It seems the painter has injured his hand in an accident.
If the painting.. never finished..

If Lord Allen's hand never healed, then I can stay by his side like this...
His hand? A painter like him?
The church gave their approval easily too.
They probably decided he was [illegible] because he's the heir of a distinguished family.
TL note: Lish is implying that for painters, their hand is the most important and they wouldn't be so careless as to injure it.
The extension is for two weeks.
We'll repeat the treatment on the day the contract expires...
The ratio of the Londinium Rose in the balm mixture would be...


Somehow... I don't like it.
They're not even lovers. It was also him who carelessly let himself be injured
and he has the audacity to request for the extension of Miss Lilly's life...
Of course Miss Lilly also requested it.
If she didn't the church wouldn't have given its permission.
That's true but..
I wonder what her expression was.
People who hide their heart are easily influenced by the darkness.

To get away with only this after being attacked by a ruffian. I was lucky.
Lilly, don't look so worried.
How unforgivable of me...
It's the precious hand of Lord Allen...
and yet I...
See. I can sketch with my left hand too.
To go walking in the streets with someone like me... Your family will...
Lord Allen!
Let's go out to town on Saturday!
That's right. Since you're always shut inside the atelier,


I'm... already...
My birthday... but I...
Lord Allen...
I want to buy you a present.
It's almost your birthday.
Lilly, let's buy everything that you want... everything...
I'm no longer alive...
I can't... grow older anymore...

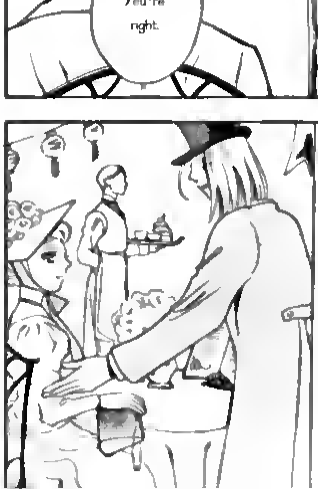
Dust Dust, hurry!
Wait for me Ash
Hurry! That shop sells lace from the 18th century!
Ufufu.
That's great, Ash.
Good day Miss Ash and Mister Dust.

You're from the church...

Miss Lilly and Master Allen are over there so I'm watching over them...

You're right.

They're lovers however you look at it...

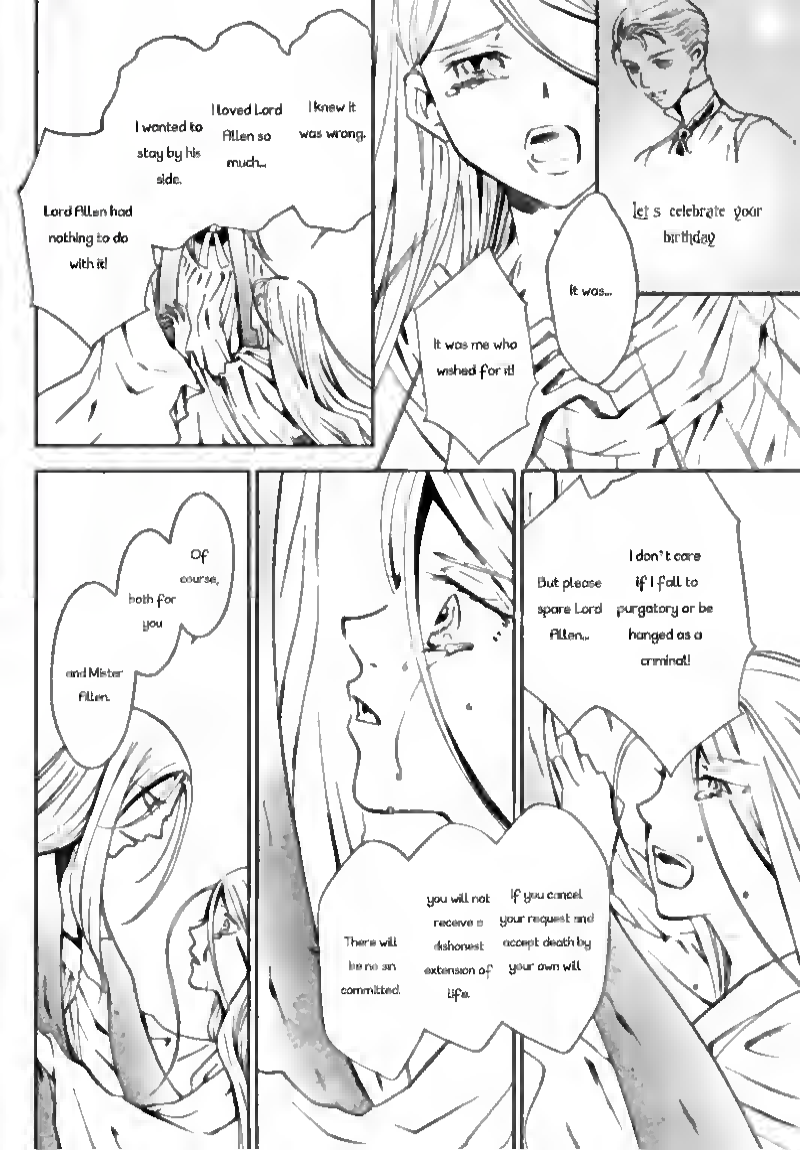


Maybe the one who doesn't notice the other's feelings is

I was told to injure a certain painter's hand...
Don't tell anyone, but I was asked to play a ruffian.
Well, it was a role... but it wasn't on stage.
My! How lovely!
Did you get a good role?
How generous of you.
It was easy to act as a ruffian, but it was pretty difficult trying not to hurt him too badly.
Can it be

Good morning.
Good morning Miss Lilly.
step
Were you the one who asked an actor to play as a ruffian and injure Mister Allen's hand?
!!
Miss Lilly today you're not allowed to leave.
The extension of your life was scheduled tomorrow but.
after investigating we've uncovered some dishonesty.

Lord Allen...
If Mister Allen has deceived the church, then it is a serious crime.
Not only will your soul fall to purgatory,
he will also be branded as a criminal.
Or was it Mister Allen?
Lord Allen...
He will be banished to a place with no Londinium Rose...
He will also be deprived of his heritage.
to the waste-lands stuck in endless winter.
LORD ALLEN ...


I knew it was wrong.
I loved Lord Allen so much...
I wanted to stay by his side.
Lord Allen had nothing to do with it!
let's celebrate your birthday
It was...
It was me who wished for it!
I don't care if I fall to purgatory or be hanged as a criminal!
But please spare Lord Allen...
If you cancel your request and accept death by your own will
you will not receive a dishonest extension of life.
There will be no sin committed.
Of course, both for you
and Mister Allen.

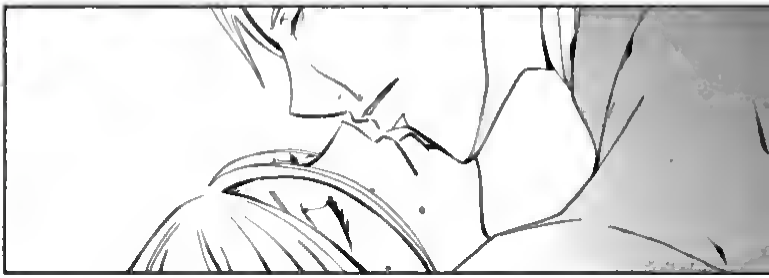
Is this really alright?
Not even meeting him for the last time.
Today is the last day before the balm in your body starts gradually deteriorating.
The balm inside your heart will be left behind
while the rest will be taken out.
You will leave this world looking as if you were only asleep.
Your last words...
Yes. In Lord Allen's paintings I've already become a fairy and a princess of a foreign country.
Lord Allen always took good care of me.
I don't have any regrets.

Tell Lord Allen to please continue painting
and that I'm happy that I'll be able to live on in his paintings...
What's wrong...young mistress?!
To the painter's house! Hurry!
The one who didn't notice the other's feelings was her...!

Lilly!
Lilly!
Why, Lilly...
So you would not commit a sin.

You were the one who deceived us weren't you?
She could never hurt your hand.
I... loved her..
That's why I wanted to keep her beside me..
Is the reason you didn't tell her because you were afraid your family would oppose?
I first met Lilly in a town I visited when I was travelling to sketch.

Hello. Is it alright if I draw you?
She smiled with such innocence.
But she was.
You're late you good-for-nothing!
She was being abused by her distant relative
You want to have that girl as a model?
Sure.
So... how much will you pay?
I... bought Lili with money...
That's the reason I always held back.

If I told her I loved her,
I felt as if I'd have sought her heart too.
I couldn't say it.
Lilly...
I should have told you sooner.
Your heart has reached her,
In the same way that her heart has reached yours.


AND THAT CRYSTAL WAS TURNED TO POWDER... AND BECAME A BEAUTIFUL ROSE-COLORED PAINT.
THE LONDINIUM ROSE-FILLED BALM TURNED HER HEART INTO CRYSTAL.
SHE... WISHED TO BECOME A PART OF HIS PAINTINGS.

FOR AS LONG AS HE IS ALIVE...
WITH THAT ROSE-SMELLING PAINT, HE MUST BE CONTINUING TO PAINT HER.

THOSE EMBALMED CAN ONLY BE OUTSIDE FROM SUNRISE 'TIL MIDNIGHT.

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